[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 48 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES DISAPPROVING THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Mr. Kalyanasundaram, has given notice of a motion under Rule 48. It says :

' This House does not approve of the policy of the Government with regard to the new Education Scheme which was brought into force without consulting the House.'

The House is aware that for making a motion of this kind, the consent of the Speaker must be obtained first. Then the House also should give its permission. If 75 members rise in favour of leave being granted then Mr. Kalyanasundaram can move his motion and on a date to be fixed by the Speaker. The House is also aware that we have fixed to-day for the discussion of the same subject and we will have a full-dress debate on it. I want to know what the hon. Member says. If this motion is accepted, then the other debate will have to be postponed."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I have no desire, Sir, to have the other debate postponed. But I wish to explain the reasons that prompted me to give notice of this motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the hon. Member had given notice of it long ago, I could understand the reasons whatever they be. But he has done so after seeing the subject included in to-day's agenda. If the hon. Member wants to press his motion, he may."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" It is not that, Sir; I am not afraid of pressing the motion ; I can move it and there will be 75 members to support it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let not the hon. Member lose his temper."

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I am only expressing my opinion a little bit vehemently. The purpose of my motion is not to express want of confidence or to censure the Government. I feel that the only course left open to Members is to bring in a motion like this. It is because the Government motion is very vague and indefinite. If they make a motion in a straightforward way seeking the approval of the House for the scheme, then it is open to us to move proper amendments to get the motion rejected by the House. The motion of the Government says that the scheme be taken into consideration and we do not know what kind of amendments we should move and whether they will be admitted or ruled out of order. I do not know your mind with regard to the amendments. If I know it, then I can consider the question of not pressing my motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The amendments are these. Mr. Gopalan's amendment says :

' *Add* the following at the end :—

" and on such consideration this Assembly recommends to the Government that the modified scheme of Elementary Education be dropped." '

I have admitted it. Then comes Mr. Swayamprakasam's amendment. I have accepted them. Mr. Govindaswami Nayagar's amendment also has been admitted as modified. I have also admitted several other amendments like Mr. Palaniandi's and others."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" It is good of you, Sir. If one more point is clarified I shall withdraw my motion. Last time when we were discussing the adjournment motion . . ."

9-50 a.m. SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, I have also given an amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" When did you give? "

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Just now, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not possible for me to accept it now."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, if the time given for the discussion is enough, I shall consider withdrawing my motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If 75 members stand in favour of it and leave of the House is granted, I shall admit the motion."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, all sections of the House, including the other sections (pointing to Government Benches) are anxious to have a full debate on this important question. I want to know the Speaker's mind with regard to the time that will be allowed for discussion."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we have agreed to all that is possible to be done. Nobody shirks to do anything. I must submit to the Speaker that to-day we are meeting in the other House also for further consideration of the Andhra State Bill, and I must be there. I think there must be some time given to me for lunch and getting ready for the other House, I mean as ready as a man in my position can get ready—by ' my position ' I mean my age. The next question is we must have a debate as full as possible on this. I do want an hour for replying and other adjustments may be made on that basis."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Then I would submit, Sir, that the debate be extended by one more day. Let the discussions be over to-day and hon. Members on this side will finish to-day. Government reply and voting may be taken up to-morrow."

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" No, we cannot have it to-morrow. It is proposed to have valedictory speeches to-morrow. It is an important function."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I attach very great value to the function you arrange. If the valedictory address could be had in the afternoon, it would be more helpful."

* The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I hope that hon. Members would realize that this is not a party matter. The subject-matter of the debate that is proposed is a matter on education and we should have a calm and proper discussion. At this stage, I may say that merely postponing the debate and treating it as a party matter for getting votes is not conducive either to education or to the proper understanding of the situation, even from the political point of view. We are parting; another State has to be formed. Members are eager that we must part at least with goodwill in the processes of parting at least. I do not think that this vote on education will have any value if hustled like this."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I think it will be enough if the debate is extended to four hours instead of two hours."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I submit the time is not enough."

* The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I have already said because I wish to do justice to the debate, I want an hour on a rough calculation. But, if it is going to be 2 o'clock, I am afraid it will be pretty late for me to go to the other House, as it is. If it is extended, there will be much more difficulty. Therefore hon. Members will regulate the discussion. There is no need to repeat what others have said. We could certainly touch on salient points within that time, if we tried."

An hon. MEMBER :—" Sir, there are two more important issues that are coming up for discussion by this House and they are food . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I am not going to allow the hon. Member to speak. I will call him afterwards."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I am glad that the Hon. Chief Minister attaches so much importance to goodwill. It would be good if he could put it in practice by agreeing to my proposal to extend the debate. Out of the four hours one hour will be given to the Hon. Chief Minister and we are left with only three hours. Even in this three hours, members of the Government party will take some time and so what is the time left to the Opposition? This will not be sufficient at all, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 'Goodwill' is not between Mr. Kalyanasundaram and me, but goodwill between the two States that will be formed."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I want to know whether we will have the three hours or whether some time will be taken on the other Bills? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, they want to drop all those things."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Then you suggest three hours would be sufficient for us, that is to say, in three hours we should educate the Chief Minister." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If it is a question of education, I would require much more time." (Renewed laughter.)

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" There is no doubt he takes more time to educate us. I think as suggested by the hon. Sri Kalyanasundaram we can take this matter tomorrow. I do not know why the Hon. Chief Minister who is generally above these things, should suddenly say that 'it is not a question of votes.' " (A voice : 'Collection and gathering of votes.')

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is what I am afraid."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" You are unnecessarily afraid then. We are all interested in the matter, because this is a common scheme. It is not as if it affects only the residuary State, but it affects the Andhra State also."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Let me explain. Let the new State be formed and then we will have complete discussion in the two Legislatures later on."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I think the Hon. Chief Minister's suggestion is that the scheme may be taken up after the formation of the new States. I have no objection to that."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I most cordially welcome this. The atmosphere is bad and Education is the last subject that should be a party affair and party affair at this juncture, when so many interests are actively engaged. I would very much like to be present in the galleries when they discuss this in the Andhra Assembly; I should very much wish Mr. Viswanatham to be in the galleries when that subject is discussed here. I cordially welcome that. Moreover there will be considerable advantages also in the discussions."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, there has been a little misunderstanding. After the formation of the Andhra State, this subject won't be discussed in the Andhra Assembly, because we would not have the scheme there. My suggestion was that in view of the formation of the new State, the Hon. Chief Minister may

very well drop the scheme now, so that we can discuss the matter in a calmer atmosphere. If this suggestion is accepted, the arguments would be narrowed down and we can easily finish the subject to-day."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Since the Hon. Chief Minister will take one hour and the leaders of the different parties another hour, members will be left with only two hours. I suggest to the Hon. Chief Minister, would it not be better if we allowed a couple of hours to-morrow for the same debate."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I strongly deprecate, Sir, the efforts of the Hon. Chief Minister in his attempts to bring party politics in the debate on education. There is no question of party politics and all the parties are objecting to it, including his own party. If it is not a question of party discipline, I am sure some members of his party will take objection." (Treasury Benches: 'No, no.' Opposition Benches: 'Yes, yes.')

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Order, order."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not party politics, it is obvious ! "

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I am afraid there is much of artificiality in the support to this. I want to make one thing clear. This morning when we were in your Chamber, it did not at all strike me that the matter would be decided like this. We came to an understanding that a seven hours' debate would be allowed on this subject."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I never said that."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, are we discussing the motion? "

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" I entirely agree with the Hon. Chief Minister that it should not be made a party matter. I only request him to withdraw the whip issued to his party."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Unless the hon. Member has got the wrong papers through unlawful means."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" It is an important whip, Sir. Members have been requested to vote for the Government."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Leader of the House just now informed us that the other Bills would be dropped. That is a very serious matter. Particularly the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Second Amendment Bill, 1953, affects us and it affects the zamindars also. The Government having decided to bring forward certain Bills, cannot now go back and drop them." 10 a.m.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would respectfully ask my friend, Mr. Venkateswarlu, to talk it over with Mr. Latchanna and if he agrees I have no objection."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This is no point of order at all. The Government can bring in or drop Bills at any time.

" We are having five hours' sitting every day and one hour is taken for questions. So, there are four hours left and I am allotting four hours for the new education policy and I think it will be enough."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The question is whether we should discuss the motion in all seriousness or not."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We discuss everything in all seriousness."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" It is true. That is why we must have enough time to discuss the education policy thoroughly as has been adumbrated now, especially when the State is going to be divided and this new scheme of elementary education is going to be enforced in the Andhra area also. After the Hon. Chief Minister explains his policy, naturally it is the opinion of the Members including the leaders of parties that they should be given enough time to explain their views. It is only then that we can understand the whole scheme of elementary education. As it is if only three hours are allotted, I am afraid we will be discussing the educational policy on party lines. The Hon. Chief Minister does not want such a discussion and I do not want such a discussion. Hence I request the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. Chief Minister to see that enough time is allotted and if possible we can carry it over to to-morrow. We can have the valedictory addresses day after to-morrow. I hope the Hon. Chief Minister will try to understand our difficulties and accept our suggestion."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is open to the Andhra State to do whatever they like with their affairs. I do not see why Mr. Nagi Reddi is so seriously interested in a discussion by this House in the present state of affairs which will not have the least effect on the new State. I can understand Mr. Kalyanasundaram debating about it. I cannot understand Mr. Nagi Reddi debating about it. It is no use wasting more time on a mere question of having more time allotted for the debate."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allotted four hours and we can have a full-dress debate."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Before we take up this matter, I want to make a submission. My difficulty is with regard to the time allotted for the discussion. I have given notice of another motion and I am agreeable to withdraw it because I do not want to postpone the discussion on the subject. But, last time when I requested you in person for two days for discussion on this subject, you were kind enough to suggest that we could have an evening session also which would give us on the whole seven hours and I agreed to it."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The difficulty is we cannot have an evening session to-day because of the meeting of the Council."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Hon. Chief Minister told us that the Andhra State could decide on the question as they liked. But the new scheme is going to be introduced in the Andhra State also. The point is we must have enough time to discuss the whole matter. It is not a question of the new State discussing it or not. We shall discuss it there if it is to be introduced in the Andhra State. But as it is being introduced in the present composite State, we should discuss it in all seriousness."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We can have a full-dress debate in four hours. We can have the discussion up to 2 p.m. and prolong it up to 2-30 p.m. if necessary. Let us see."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I am not pressing my motion. But with regard to the time, I am sorry I have to repeat my request."

Sri Kalyanasundaram's motion under rule 48 was withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allotted four hours for this debate. We may take ten or fifteen minutes more in the end. Now, we will go to the next item on the agenda."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) MOTION UNDER RULE 81 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES *re* SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE FORESTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Mr. Speaker, I move—

That leave of the House be granted in pursuance of sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Madras Assembly Rules, for increasing the composition of the Select Committee on the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1953), from 15 members to 16 members and that Sri Kunhi Muhamed Shafee be appointed a member of the Select Committee '."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That leave of the House be granted, in pursuance of sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Madras Assembly Rules, for increasing the composition of the Select Committee on the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1953), from 15 members to 16 members and that Sri Kunhi Muhamed Shafee be appointed a member of the Select Committee.' "

The motion was put and carried.